



# ECS Update

February 2026

*Partnering with Parents  
in the Lives of Their Children  
for the Sake of the Gospel  
to the Glory of God*

## Covering ECS Expenses with a 529 Tax-Advantaged Plan

It is possible to pay your child's entire school bill tax-free through a 529 savings program! Current VA tax code allows families to spend up to \$10,000 a year per beneficiary from tax-advantaged 529 savings plans to cover the costs of **K-12 expenses** at private or religious schools. Learn more about this potential savings to you at <https://www.invest529.com/articles-webinars/saving-for-k-12-education-with-invest529/>

## Legislative Information from ODACS

ECS is a member school of the Old Dominion Association of Church Schools (ODACS), the Virginia chapter of the national American Association of Christian Schools (AACS). These organizations provide many benefits for us including our annual student Bible and Fine Arts competition scheduled for early March this year.

One of the most critical functions of these organizations is their monitoring of federal and state legislative actions impacting Christian education. In recent years, ODACS has provided valuable assistance to ECS with VA code requirements for our religious exempt daycare and extended care programs as well as a variety of other critical issues ranging from school choice initiatives and tax credits to student vaccination requirements and school van use. ECS invites you to visit the ODACS website ([www.vaodacs.com](http://www.vaodacs.com)) to monitor their current work on our behalf and how it impacts you/us. If you wish to receive regular email updates from ODACS, please notify ECS ([office@englesidebaptist.org](mailto:office@englesidebaptist.org)) to be added to their contact list.

## ECS Online Book Fair (2/16-3/2)

Engleside will sponsor an online book fair through the Ready, Let's Read program from February 16 through March 2. The books in this program are thoroughly vetted and will not include any objectionable elements. We will send out notifications via TEP with links for you to order books for your students. Look for additional information coming out later in February through your TuitionEP app.

## Calendar Notes

### **Presidents' Day – Monday, February 16**

ECS observes the Presidents' Day holiday on Monday, February 16. Classes will not meet, and extended care is cancelled. Engleside Baptist Church and School offices will be closed.